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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE---ASSISTANCE & RETURN

At Legal Subcomite session beginning Sept 20, US DEL should seek SOV response to April 1 Assistance and Return (A&R) initiative on basis of which Morozov had at that time commented that QTE prospects....very bright UNQTE (USUN's 3942). We recognize possibility that SOVs may not now be willing reach mutually beneficial resolution of few remaining issues.

As to substance A&R, US DEL should await indications willingness SOVs to reach agreement A&R before making public April 1 initiative. DEL may wish make statement along lines that US views A&R adequately known, that we would prefer await proposals from others before making further comment. If asked privately, DEL may of course acknowledge/offer to USSR and lack of response thereto. DEL may draw on existing positions and instructions per USUN's 3942, DEPTEL 2326, DEPT's CA-8142 and instructions for [illegible] 1964 session. We prepared send further instructions as required.

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If SOV response A&R agreement not RPT not encouraging and subjec to views other members, DEL should indicate that Subcomite might best concentrate on Liability (position paper being pouched), and should stress importance of continuing attention this subject, which of interest to all UN Members. Accordingly would be desirable for Subcommittee to meet as such, rather than constituting two separate working groups on A&R and Liability as in past. FYI May be that othe members Subcommittee will want to bring session to an early conclusio in order not exacerbate existing differences as to A&R and Liability texts. We would be prepared go along if this the case. END FYI.

If SOVs repeat line that general principles should be codified, DEL may wish point out that Subcommittee currently engaged in codifying general principles of A&R and Liability and that we in no way exclude further efforts at codification at appropriate time. END

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